

The Attorney-General. The Premier quickly adopted the question of responsibility for the acts of his colleagues. He contended that it was wrong and illegal for any member of the Government to take possession of the farm while the title was so doubtful as to require investigation by the Attorney-General, for the very fact of their taking possession placed them under obligation to pay the money, even if the title afterwards turned out not to be good.

Mr. Gow said he was very largely acquainted with this matter. In the month of June he endeavored to persuade Mr. Stone to give quiet possession of the premises, he having previously turned out the person sent by the Commissioner of Public Works. He considered Mr. Stone perfectly obstinate. The Government had expressed themselves perfectly willing to pay rental for the time which would elapse until the title was proved good, if they were only allowed to take possession and proceed with the alterations. He was quite confident that what had been done by the Commissioner of Public Works had been done for the best interests of the country, and although he did not know that it was a very regular proceeding to send constables to take possession, he knew it had a very happy effect. The Commissioner of Public Works had spent a great deal of time in trying to get peaceable possession, and he felt satisfied that no blame in connection with the matter rested upon him.

Mr. Laurier said there seemed to be a doubt about the title, and he thought it should at least be able to bear the light of day. He characterized the policy of the Government upon the matter as bungling when cries of order were raised.

Mr. Speaker thought the expression was not in order.

Mr. Cameron said he dissented from the ruling of Mr. Speaker. Mr. Laurier bowed to the decision of the Chair. He considered it was a scandalous thing to interfere with the property of a peaceable citizen like Mr. Stone, and the sending of two menials, two more common constables, to take forcible possession of his property, was something unheard of before in the annals of representative government. He wondered that the hon. member for South Wellington should have agreed to the appointment and payment, during the recess, and without the sanction of the Legislature, of a professor for the new college. When hon. gentlemen got into power their views upon these questions were entirely changed.

Mr. Prince said this was not the only wrong impression under which the hon. member labored. The hon. gentleman had labored under a mistake with regard to the Protest outrage, and a variety of other subjects. He considered that the policy of the Government with regard to this farm was the right one to pursue. The motion as amended by the Premier was carried, he having given an assurance that no correspondence should be kept back except that having reference only to the title.

THRESHING MACHINE ACCIDENTS. Mr. Clarke (Wellington) moved the House into Committee on the bill to require owners of threshing and other machines to guard against accidents.

In reply to Mr. Cameron, Mr. Clarke said it would not interfere with any new and useful invention.

It was resolved, after some discussion, that the Bill should come into force on 1st September next.

The committee rose and reported the Bill as amended, and the report was received and adopted.

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Meeting of Manufacturers.

Special to the Mercury per Montreal Line, Toronto, Feb. 24.

The meeting of manufacturers here today is unexpectedly large and influential, numbering about 200. Wm. Barber, Esq., M.P.P., Streetsville, was appointed chairman. The meeting was adjourned to the billiard room of the Rossin House, in order to accommodate all present.

Guelph St. Patrick's Society.

The annual meeting of the Guelph St. Patrick's Benevolent Society was held on Monday night in the Albion Hotel.

Mr. Jas. Hazleton, the Treasurer, reported that after paying all claims for the relief of persons who had applied, there was still a balance on hand of \$11.25. The report was adopted.

Several new members were admitted. The officers of last year were re-elected.

They are as follows:—

PRESIDENT.—F. J. Chadwick.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT.—M. J. Doran.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT.—T. A. Hoffmann.

SECRETARY.—E. O'Connor.

TREASURER.—Jas. Hazleton.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.—Messrs. Richard Mitchell, J. Fahy, D. J. Hoffmann, St. Conway, jr., Elcos, McQuinn, Jas. Geegan, Jas. Brodick and Jas. Kelleher.

RELIEF COMMITTEE.—Messrs. J. Hazleton, Richard Mitchell and Jas. Mays.

It was resolved that the approaching anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint be celebrated by a dinner, and that the officers of the Society be a committee to make the necessary arrangements, and report at a meeting to be held at the Harp of Erin Hotel on Thursday evening first, at half-past seven.

This closed the business of the meeting.

Toronto Items.

Toronto, Feb. 23.

The report is rife here that the Hon. E. B. Wood is to be appointed Chief Justice of Manitoba. Mr. Wood is well fitted to hold that position, but it is questionable whether he would accept it. It would probably be the stepping-stone to the gubernatorial chair of that Province.

Some of the supporters of the Government are indignant over the discovery of the fact that in one of the most important departments of the Government there lurks a species of detectives, who, while holding a responsible office, make it their particular business to give information in relation to Government matters to the Opposition, to be used against the Government.

Messrs. Mutton and Malone, two Reform gentlemen who were returned to the City Council, and whose elections were protested because they had contracts with the Council, resign without a contest, and two other Reformers will be run in their place.

Messrs. Britton and Close, two Tory Councillors, whose seats have been protested, will resist the effort to put them out. Close is interested in a liquor license, and Britton has a contract with the Council.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

GREAT TRUNK RAILWAY.

Trains leave Guelph as follows:—
To West—
2:17 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.
To London, Goderich and Detroit.
To Berlin.
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8:05 a.m.; 8:10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 8:33 p.m.
GREAT WESTERN-GUELPH BRANCH
Going south—4:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 4:30 p.m.
Going north—11:45 a.m. for Southampton; mixed, 4:40 a.m. for Palmerston; 6 p.m. for Fergus; 9:30 p.m. for Fergus.

NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.

All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of March, otherwise costs will be incurred. Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of March to pay up. After that they will be charged the credit price.

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Electro-plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.
Ivory-handled Table and Dessert Knives.
Nickel Silver and Electro-plated Forks to suit.
Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons.
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Table Napkin Rings.
Broad Platters and Bread Knives.
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Coal Scuttles.
Vases and Parlorianes.
Fire Irons and Stands.
Skates, Boys' and Girls' Sleighs.
Snow Shovels, Sleigh Bells.
Also, a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns very cheap; Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc. etc., at

JOHN HORSMAN'S,
HARDWARE MERCHANT,
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All parties indebted to W. D. HEPBURN & CO. are requested to call at the old stand, and pay their accounts before the 15th of March, or they will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.

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We are now actively engaged taking stock and expect to finish on or about Wednesday next, the 25th inst., after which we will be prepared to enter with great energy upon the

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Remnants, Remnants, Remnants.

The balance of our Remnants must be sold off at once.

Extraordinary Bargains will be given during the Next Ten Days.

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We beg leave to intimate that with the intention of devoting our time exclusively to the Wholesale Manufacturing, we have disposed of our Retail and Custom Business to Messrs. R. MACGREGOR & CO., who will carry on the business, and for whom we bespeak the patronage of all old customers, and the public generally. From an acquaintance of some years we can confidently recommend them as worthy of a liberal support.

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WITH reference to the above we have the pleasure to state that we have purchased the stock of Messrs. W. D. HEPBURN & CO., on favorable terms, and are making large additions to the same, which will be complete in a few days. In respectfully asking for the patronage of all the old customers and the public generally, we hope to secure the same by keeping first-class goods, selling at the most reasonable prices, and offering the largest and best assortment in town to choose from, keeping it, as it has been in the past, the leading Boot and Shoe business in Guelph.

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